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## Panelists Tell 200 At AIDS Forum To Take Care, Take Charge In Health And Research

By TIM WARFORD

In what some are calling the largest local non-social gathering of gays outside the Freedom Parade, more than 200 people filled the auditorium at Sutter General Hospital to overflowing for the first AIDS forum in Sacramento last Saturday, Jan. 8.

The forum, "AIDS: Implications for Lifestyles," was hosted by Sandy Pomerantz, M.D., and Harvey Thompson, M.D.

AIDS stands for Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome, an immune system disorder that until now has afflicted predominantly bisexual and gay men. Seventy-five percent of the cases reported were gay or bisexual men, 14 percent were intravenous drug users, 5.1 percent were Haitian, 4.5 percent had no known risk (these include heterosexual men and women) and 0.7 percent were hemophiliacs.

Pomerantz and Thompson started the program with a medical background of the syndrome and its well-known opportunistic infections, such as Kaposi's Sarcoma and Pneumocystis Carnii pneumonia.

After the medical introduction, there was open discussion between the audience and a panel of people knowledgeable about the disease and the mental anguish it can cause.

Therapist Jim Geary, who works with AIDS patients through the SHANTI Project in San Francisco, told the audience to stop calling it a gay disease.

"Let's not own the disease," he said, stressing it was a human problem, not a gay problem. He said that many people, like Jerry Falwell, are using AIDS "to dissect gay lifestyles."

KS patient Bob Reynolds told how he coped with the cancer.

"I am not a 'victim,' but the media insist I am," he said. "People with the 'gay plague' infecting the straight community sell papers."

Local psychotherapist Marty Rogers, Ph.D., discussed the series of reactions gay men often have about AIDS.

"They say, 'I don't live in San Francisco' or 'I don't trick with anyone from San Francisco so I don't have to worry about it.' They act as if they have guardian angels," he told the audience.

Rogers described the next reaction as one of anger.

"Anger can be healthy," he said. However, he said anger can touch off internalized homophobia. "Some will say 'Because I'm a faggot I don't measure up, and I deserve this.' That's crap."

From anger, people turn to bargaining, Rogers said. He described bargaining as trying to come to terms with one's lust. "It's hard to get away from the feeling in your loins," he said.

"Some people say 'I still go to the tubs, but I only trick with two people instead of five. It's not going to get me, I've cut down!'"

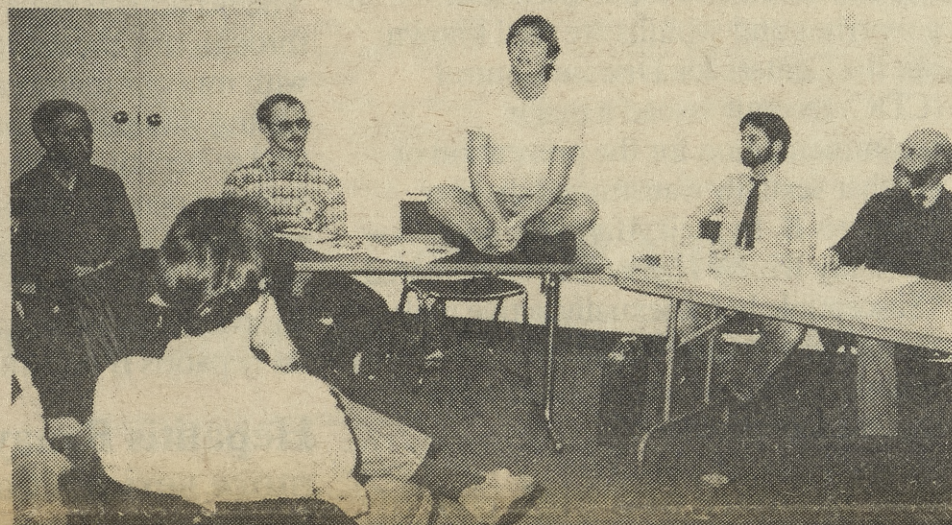
He advised people not to put themselves in places where their lust will win out over their good intentions.

"My lust always wins out over my good intentions," he admitted.

Another reaction Rogers said people feel is depression. He said depression comes when one has to give up something.

"It has taken us so long to get to where we can be free sexually, and now we might not be able to be free sexually."

Cleve Jones, director of the Kaposi's



Star Photo by Tim Warford

Jim Geary (center), a counselor with the SHANTI project in San Francisco, shared his experiences of working with AIDS patients and their lovers, friends, and families. Joining him at the AIDS forum Jan. 8 were (left to right) Marty Rogers, Bob Reynolds, Jeff Richards, and Tim Kelter.

Sarcoma Foundation in San Francisco, described his organization's efforts to educate people about the disease. The foundation handled 300 calls in its first month of operation.

"We even get calls to see if it's safe to take the 8-Market bus (which serves the Castro District)," he said.

He told of the homophobic reactions that people have about AIDS, quoting Republican U.S. Senator Jeremiah Denton as saying "let them die."

He called for the gay community to take on the disease. "No matter how many Haitians get it, no matter how many heterosexuals get it, it's important that our community take the lead," he said.

Jones said that the disease was

bringing the gay community together. "This is our biggest challenge since Anita Bryant and John Briggs. I think we're going to get through it."

Panelists urged gay men to make sure their health insurance policies were adequate. Reynolds informed the audience that since August his medical bills have amounted to more than \$5,000 without hospitalization. Jones described a case that cost more than \$250,000. That patient was hospitalized for eight months.

A major warning from the panel was to take precautions to minimize getting AIDS.

Geary told the group, "It could only take one person (to get AIDS). You could

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### State Employees Group Joins Case

## Sacramento Man Sues To Get Benefits For Lover

Boyce Hinman, vice-president of Advocates for Gay and Lesbian State Employees, and AGLSE filed suit Dec. 29 in Sacramento Superior Court in an attempt to win dental benefits for partners of lesbian and gay state employees.

According to attorney Roberta Achtenberg, the suit asks the state to abandon its current policy that benefits are available only to a married spouse or to unmarried dependent children under 23 years old. The suit also asks the state to "establish a fair and practical procedure by which gay and lesbian state employees can establish entitlement to dental coverage for family partners."

Achtenberg, who is associated with the Lesbian Rights Project, also said that "like all those employed by state government, Mr. Hinman receives a good salary and a benefit package as compensation for his work. However, because Mr. Hinman is homosexual, he does not receive the breadth of benefits available to a heterosexual state employee."

In addition to economic harm wrought upon Hinman and his partner of 12 years, Larry Stephen Beatty, the attorney said, "he has been stigmatized by the unfair treatment he has suffered at the hands of his employer, the state."

The suit contends that because of the

equal protection clause of the State Constitution and ex-Governor Brown's executive order forbidding employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in the executive branch of state government, the state is required to provide dental coverage for employees' family partners.

Seeking an injunction against the state, the suit says that Hinman and Beatty "share the common necessities of life" and "would marry if they were not prohibited from doing so by state law."

Hinman told the Sacramento Union, "We have co-owned three homes together. We have co-owned numerous stocks, treasury notes, bank accounts,

and safety deposit boxes. We each are the other's primary beneficiary on our wills and life insurance policies."

In 1981, Hinman won a precedent-setting decision from the state Board of Control, giving unmarried couples who are forced to move because of job transfers the right to have the state pay for their relocation expenses.

Hinman was transferred in 1980 from Oakland to Sacramento by the state Employment Development Department when he was promoted. He has worked for EDD for more than 10 years. The Board of Control ruled that both Hinman and Beatty should be reimbursed for relocating to Sacramento. \*



# An open letter to the gay community on hepatitis B

## Hepatitis B, a serious disease, may be sexually transmitted

Sexually transmitted diseases among the gay community are epidemic. Herpes has recently received a lot of attention; gonorrhea and syphilis are well known; but the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently issued a major recommendation for the prevention of another sexually transmitted disease: Hepatitis B. In their *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, the CDC stated: "Susceptible homosexually active males should be vaccinated [against hepatitis B] regardless of their age or duration of their homosexual practices."

## Gay men are at a high risk of contracting hepatitis B

In one study, from 51% to 76% of 3,816 gay men seen in five sexually transmitted disease clinics had evidence of past or present hepatitis B infection. Once infected, there's a 6% to 10% chance of becoming a carrier—capable of passing on the virus. The CDC estimated there are nearly 1 million carriers in the United States and that 100,000 of these carriers are gay men.

## The hepatitis B virus can be passed on by contact with contaminated body fluids

such as saliva, urine, semen, and blood. The hepatitis B virus can be transmitted through tiny breaks in the skin or contact with mucous membranes. This can occur during intimate sexual contact and can lead to hepatitis B for the partner of an infected person. Although most patients recover and over half contracting hepatitis B do not get symptoms, there is no specific treatment and no known cure for hepatitis B infections.

## Hepatitis B may lead to even more serious complications

For those who do get symptoms of hepatitis B, a mild or severe "flu-like" sickness may continue for weeks or months. Ten percent of all infections become long lasting (chronic) with potential complications that are sometimes more serious than those of other sexually transmitted diseases. The serious complications include the chronic carrier state, chronic active hepatitis, chronic persistent hepatitis, cirrhosis, and even cancer of the liver. Every year almost 4,000 carriers die of cirrhosis. In addition, carriers have a risk 273 times greater than that of the general population of contracting a usually fatal form of liver cancer.

## Now this serious sexually transmitted disease is usually preventable by vaccination with the new hepatitis B vaccine

After more than a decade of research and development, a new vaccine is available for prevention, *not treatment*, of hepatitis B. In clinical studies, the vaccine was highly effective in preventing hepatitis B infection and was generally well tolerated. No serious adverse reactions occurred in these studies.

The vaccination regimen consists of a series of three injections, the first two a month apart and the third, six months after the first. To be effective, the vaccine must be given before a person gets hepatitis B. The vaccine helps prevent the disease: It is *not effective as a treatment*. We suggest that you consult your doctor to determine if you should be vaccinated.

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about hepatitis B and the  
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### Why you should consult your doctor or clinic

The vaccine helps protect against infection caused by hepatitis B virus. This virus is an important cause of viral hepatitis, a disease mainly of the liver. Even mild forms of this disease may lead to serious complications and aftereffects, including liver cancer. There is no specific treatment for viral hepatitis.

Vaccination is recommended for persons who have a higher risk of becoming infected with hepatitis B virus because of frequent, close contact with infected people or exposure to body fluids from such people. It will not

protect against hepatitis caused by viruses other than hepatitis B virus.

No serious adverse reactions were reported in over 6,000 individuals receiving the vaccine in clinical trials. The most frequent reaction was soreness at the point of injection; less common local reactions included redness, swelling, warmth, or formation of a hard, lumplike spot. The local effects were usually mild and lasted no more than 2 days after vaccination. Occasionally, low-grade fever (less than 101 °F) occurred. When it did, it usually lasted no longer than 48 hours following vaccination. In

rare cases, fever over 102 °F was reported.

More generalized complaints including malaise, fatigue, headache, nausea, dizziness, muscle pain, and joint pain were reported infrequently. Rash was reported rarely. As with any vaccine, broad use may reveal additional adverse reactions.

Your doctor or clinic knows what special care must be taken when administering the vaccine and in determining who should receive the vaccine. The vaccine is not intended for persons who are allergic to any of its components.



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**Gay male “nuns” from Sacramento, Davis, and San Francisco were prohibited from remaining on the Capitol grounds during**

**the gubernatorial inauguration on Jan. 3. State Police forced the "sisters" to stand across the street with their banners.**

# Marcus Is Named Women's Lobbyist

A Sacramento woman has been named legislative coordinator of the California Commission on the Status of Women.

Vera Marcus, assistant secretary of the State Resources Agency under the Brown administration, has been active in the Sacramento Women's Campaign Fund and the Black Women's Network.

During her three years at the Resources Agency, Marcus was Secretary Huey Johnson's chief legislative advisor. She also headed the state task force responsible for the designation of five Northern California rivers as Federal Wild and Scenic Rivers.

"Vera brings to the commission an impressive breadth and depth of experience," said Commission Chairperson Hannah-Beth Jackson. "As we begin a new year, a new administration and a new round of budget hearings, we are thrilled to welcome a person with her outstanding skills."

Prior to joining the Resources Agency, Marcus was an assistant to the director of the state Department of Water Resources. She also worked for the California Energy Commission where, among other assignments, she managed solar installations in San Bernardino and Gilroy. ★

# Gay 'Nuns' Convened Here For Deukmejian Inaugural

By JIM HAHN

The three Northern California orders of gay male nuns participated in Nun Con '83 held New Year's weekend here in Sacramento. The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, The Charitable Sisters of

lized, and the Sisters of the Candle Burnt at Both Ends joined together to celebrate their calling as sisters.

They also partook in festivities which included a croquet game in the park and attendance at George Deukmejian's inauguration. The sisters also took time

out from their busy schedule to do missionary work around the bars of Sacramento and to distribute their pamphlet on STD's called "Play Fair."

The Sisters were confronted with an almost gestapo-like approach by the State Police when they attempted to come onto the Capitol grounds to watch the inauguration. Since they were carrying flags and were "obviously not nuns," according to the sergeant in charge, they were escorted to the edge of the grounds and forced to stand across the street.

The popularity of orders of gay male nuns across the globe began with the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, who were actually born in Ohio when Sister Missionary Position and Sister Power Hungry Bitch borrowed some habits

from a local convent on the pretense they were going to be used in a local theater production. The response from the gay community was fantastic. So when the sisters moved to San Francisco they tried out their habits again, with a very promising reaction. They advertised in a local gay paper and the sisters appeared in the Gay Parade the very next year.

Sacramento's Charitable Sisters of Izod were started by Sister Katherine "Ma" Bell. Sister Katherine was using her habit long before the Charitable Sisters were formed. Last year Katherine and a group of friends formed the Charitable Sisters of Izod, whose main focus was to provide some unity and direction for fundraising in the gay community in Sacramento.

The Sisters of the Candle Burnt at Both Ends were started by two UC Davis students, Sister Viola Tricolor and Sister Betty, about two years ago. This order was stifled due to the homophobic nature of the Davis community. They have spent much of their energy assisting the other orders in Northern California with their functions. ★

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## ABCs of AIDS Avoidance

Panelists at last Saturday's AIDS forum suggested a list of ABCs on how to reduce one's chances of getting AIDS. They are:

- reduce number of sexual partners, especially anonymous sexual contacts;
- avoid rimming;
- make love with people who have fewer sex partners than even yourself;
- wear condoms to avoid contact with sperm;
- sleep with men under 20 or over 50;
- avoid passing body fluids

(no sucking face or eating semen);

- get plenty of rest and take vitamins; and
- don't put yourself in situations where lust takes over (no tubs or hot bars).

Obviously, some of these were made to get people to examine their lifestyles and not to be taken seriously. But the main message can be reduced to this: Gay is good. Gay sex is great. Sex is important; have as much as possible, but cut down on the number of sex partners.

## Director Says Sac Blood Bank Still Wants Gay Blood

By TIM WARFORD

The Sacramento Blood Bank will not restrict blood donations from gay men, Dr. Vincent Caggiano, Blood Bank director, announced at Saturday's AIDS Forum.

"There is not enough data available to



Dr. Vincent Caggiano

exclude any group from giving blood," he said. "To restrict blood donations would be premature and irrational."

"AIDS is a medical problem. It is not going to go away without research. It is not a gay problem. The problem at hand

is how to solve AIDS," Caggiano said.

Some blood banks have asked gay men not to give blood when AIDS was discovered in hemophiliacs who had received blood transfusions from presumably gay men.

Caggiano told the audience that before the local blood bank would consider asking gay men not to give blood, it would first hold a series of dialogues with the gay community.

In response to a question asking if gay men should disclose their sexual orientation at the time of donating blood, Caggiano replied that at the present time such disclosure was not appropriate.

"We don't know what agent causes AIDS, and there is no effective screening test for AIDS," he said.

Caggiano continued by saying that the blood bank screens for Cytomegalovirus (CMV) but does not restrict CMV positive donors.

"CMV is of interest to blood banks. While it is generally a mild disease, in certain groups, such as neonates (premature infants), CMV can be a serious infection," he said.

## Non-Gay Women Get AIDS; M.D. Thinks Hormone Is Clue

Two further developments in AIDS research were reported early in January.

Dr. Allan L. Goldstein of the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences reported a possible hormonal clue for identifying persons with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome in a letter to the New England Journal of Medicine.

Goldstein suggested that measuring levels of one of the hormones secreted by the thymus, the master gland of the immune system, could help doctors screen and treat people for AIDS.

He said the study at George Washington University and the M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute in Houston compared eight relatively healthy gay men and two gay men with Kaposi's Sarcoma with 10 healthy heterosexual men. The gay men had thymus hormone levels four times as high as the non-gay men.

He also said that it was not clear from the research if the high hormone levels resulted from a malfunction of the thymus or of the blood cells targeted to

receive the hormone.

In Atlanta, the Centers for Disease Control said that it had received its first reports of women in heterosexual relationships having contracted AIDS.

The two women were described as steady sexual partners of men with AIDS.

The CDC said that this development lends credence to the hypothesis that an infectious agent helps transmit AIDS and that both heterosexual and gay male couples are susceptible to it.

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# HEALTH

## He Learned The Hard Way

### Dear Doctor:

Taking the narrow view that I too often do, I decided to learn as I play. If I get syphilis, I'll deal with it when I get it and so did not bother to wise-up on the symptoms and learn what to look for and what to expect.

Today is my first day free of syphilis symptoms after 14 days on antibiotics — 60 capsules, 4 each day to be exact. Not having to swallow a capsule every four hours leaves me with a sense of freedom.

Six weeks ago was the beginning of events that caused me to realize something was wrong with me, *unusually w-r-o-n-g*. To start, the real beginning of unusual symptoms go back three weeks.

1. Aching-twitching in the joint of my left big toe.

2. Much pain in right shin bone, with puffiness around ankle.

3. Artery in both legs tender, the blood rushed madly through them for several days.

4. Joints in both legs and index finger very pained, almost beyond belief (aspirin helped to reduce pain). (My doctor could not agree with me that I had a disease of the arteries; he suggested that I have a blood test to see if syphilis was present and I scoffed to that since I had a test 90-120 days earlier).

5. Mild fever, sore throat, aching as in a common cold. (Fourth week, I felt I surely had the flu and when the severe attack on my nervous system began, I blamed the fact that I was under much stress and this was causing the red bumps under the skin all over my body, save the face. Still after the fifth-sixth week I gave some thought — I H-A-D something, but dismissed it as flu with severe stress) (and hives, which I had before).

6. Twitching all over, depressing, fever feeling, pressure seemingly pressing me downward, the mind near the breaking point of going outright mad.

7. Blurred vision, lack of energy, that total wasted-down feeling, very near the point of despondency - madness.

On a visit to Sacramento Health Clinic I was found to be in the secondary stage of syphilis, having passed through the madness of the primary stage.

During the second day of the treatment, I felt such relief from the above symptoms that I laughed and joked with even strangers, almost intoxicated in the freedom from pain.

### Learned The Hard Way

### Dear Learned The Hard Way:

Syphilis is a chronic infectious disease caused by a spirochete (type of bug) called *Treponema Pallidum*. Finally, after what appears to be marked resistance on your part to seeking help, you were treated, cured, and taught by experience. Your letter, however, raises a number of issues and points on which I would like to comment.

The critter that causes syphilis enters the body at the site of contact — mouth, penis, anus, vagina, cervix, finger, arm, etc.—and immediately spreads via the lymphatic system (those dammed lymph nodes you have all been hearing about) and via the blood. Hence, right from the beginning, even before a lesion (sore) is visible or felt, the infection is widespread and only then becomes localized. If left untreated, however, it once again spreads. And despite the body's remarkable defenses against this critter,

involving both wings of the immune system (that complicated system commonly called "resistance"), syphilis will incapacitate one of every five and kill one of every ten infected persons if left untreated.

What are the factors involved in the immune response? This can be divided into two wings — the humeral (antibody or B lymphocyte) and the cellular (T lymphocyte). The humeral response involves the body's manufacture of two classes of antibodies:

1) Reagin. This set of antibodies becomes present 4-5 weeks after exposure. It offers no immunity and is directed against the destroyed tissue which has the syphilis bug still in it, merrily engorging itself.

2) Treponemal. This consists of three different types of antibodies of which immobilizing appears most important in

unless you know better.

If you didn't know better or **didn't want to**, all you need to do is **wait**, because sure enough, **six to eight weeks later**, the secondary stage occurs. This stage consists of: a) generalized lymphadenopathy — swollen glands everywhere and b) skin rash — of which there are two types of skin lesions initially. These are:

1) Macules — little pale red roundish patches on your trunk (chest, abdomen) and extremities (arms and legs), and

2) Coppery red raised bumps of approximately the same size which can appear anywhere but most diagnostically (how your doctor solves the mystery!) appear on the soles of your feet and palms of your hands.

Later on a whole host of other skin lesions may appear, the details of which are unimportant, as hopefully by now



immobilizing the critter, and reflects the development of resistance.

The cell-mediated immunity is also called into action and can be demonstrated as early as 12-48 hours on skin testing. The evidence that this wing of the immune system is very important in the early phases (primary stage or secondary stage) is minimal; however, if left untreated, the late phases appear, and the T cell system is highly involved in the formation of the lesions, which may then occur in very sensitive areas — your heart, brain, liver, bone, arms, spinal column, kidneys, and blood vessels, just to name a few areas involved.

Enough about the immune system — you all must be getting pretty tired of hearing about it. How do you know if you have syphilis?

There are two general phases of syphilis, each of which has different parts.

The first phase is called early syphilis. This is syphilis of less than four years duration, and consists of various stages:

1) The initial lesion (chancre). This appears as a sore at the site of contact **two to six weeks** after the original infection. The sore may or may not be painful. It is usually **single** and is often accompanied by or immediately followed by swollen lymph glands in the same area, most often in the groin. The primary lesion **heals by itself in two to six weeks**. It may be small enough to go unnoticed. So it is quite possible that a small lesion which disappears by itself will not bring you to medical attention

you have overcome your resistance and made your way to the office for treatment.

The third stage of the early phase of syphilis is called "early latent syphilis." After your lesions fade and **they will, even untreated**, they may recur and you relapse — but eventually everything seems to quiet down. For some, none of the previous symptoms have occurred or have occurred so mildly that this, too, is included as "latent syphilis." However, you are still **infectious** during this time for at least one year and up to four years.

Then the late phases occur. These can be divided into two general categories:

a) Late latent syphilis. The quiet period may extend beyond four years. You don't have to worry about others as you are no longer infectious.

b) Late symptomatic syphilis. This is when your organ involvement finally gives you enough warning to bother you and may show up as blindness, psychosis (craziness) or a variety of other neurologic (nerve) manifestations, leaky heart valves and destroyed blood vessels, painful destructive skin and bone lesions, jaundice from liver involvement, and a list of others too long to mention.

Well, now that I have scared you out of your "resistance," how will your doctor know you have syphilis and what can he/she do to make sure you don't wind up as a basket case from it?

Well, some of the findings in your history and physical examination should make your doctor suspicious if not actually certain that this is what you

have. Certain laboratory findings, however, can be/should be done to confirm these suspicions:

1) Dark field examination. Tissue fluid from the primary or secondary lesion can be taken and examined under a special microscope. A positive test means that the critter is there. A negative test does not mean the critter wasn't there, only that it may have been, but in the process of healing, is no longer demonstrable.

2) Blood tests. There are a variety of blood tests which check your antibodies. The common ones, namely the RPR or the VDRL (forget what the initials mean) check your Reagin antibodies. Remember, it takes **four to five weeks** for these antibodies to appear and your initial lesion takes **two to six weeks** to appear. Hence there is a period of time when you have an early lesion that your blood test may be negative. So if either you or your doctor are still suspicious, make sure to **repeat** this test four to six weeks later by which time the Reagin antibodies will have appeared, and if you have got it, the blood test will show it.

The second type of blood test measures the Treponemal antibodies. There are actually three types of blood tests here, the FTI, MHATP and the FTA-ABS. You need not be concerned again which test is done. But if your RPR or VDRL is borderline low, this is a more specific test which will be positive if you've got it and will always be positive even after your treatment.

As for treatment, this is changing (it seems almost yearly) depending on what phase, or stage within a phase, you are in. Have your doctor consult the latest CDC recommendations which appeared this year in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Reports, but basically the treatment consists of varying doses of a special penicillin called Benzathine penicillin. For those allergic to penicillin, oral Tetracycline or oral Erythromycin is recommended but **results are not as good**. Therefore, if you are not allergic, expect a painful butt or two for a while.

One last thing. Reactions to treatment are common and do not mean that you are allergic to the treatment. Approximately half of patients with early syphilis will develop a fever with aches, joints, aches, muscles, headaches, etc. within 12-24 hours after treatment is given. It will last 6-24 hours and then be gone. Usually it requires nothing more than aspirin, although in rare extreme cases steroids (cortisone) need be given. It is called the Jacob-Hertzheimer reaction.

Well, I have gone on long enough and haven't even discussed many other aspects about syphilis, including congenital syphilis or how a woman might pass syphilis on to her unborn child... I guess that reflects my continued need to examine myself for unconscious sexism, but that's a whole other article.

One of my most important points and presumably the letter's author's point is — overcome your resistance and get to your doctor's office before some of the serious consequences of syphilis occur. Your body's resistance is not enough to get rid of the critter and your mind's resistance only serves to delay diagnosis and further incapacitate you. Hopefully, you now know enough to get yourself checked regularly even when you have no symptoms, and certainly whenever you do. Hopefully, Learned The Hard Way will never again allow his resistance to dominate his health care concerns.

SANDY POMERANTZ, M.D.



# Choral Majority's Greatest Hits Are Fun, But...

Reviewed by JAMES K. GRAHAM

The Choral Majority bills itself as "bold and blasphemous." Most of the time they are only irreverent, not downright blasphemous.

Bold they definitely are, and imaginative, fired with righteous indignation, very talented, and a lot of fun. As their name implies, they are both a gay answer to the fundamentalist political religiosity of the Moral Majority and also a singing group.

About 60 people enjoyed hearing them perform in person at the anniversary party of the Sacramento Men's Collective. But for those who missed that enormously entertaining event, the Choral Majority has a cassette recording entitled "The Choral Majority's Greatest Hits" and a songbook called "The Hymnal."

As they pointed out at the concert, their greatest hits recording includes all their songs; you do miss out on the visuals, the banter with the audience, and the slight changes made to the songs to fit them to current events.

The Choral Majority is a quartet, two women singing soprano and alto, and two men singing tenor and bass. In keeping with the principal aim of their political ire and satire, most of their songs are parodies of Protestant hymns.

Some of these are very clever and work quite well. One such is "The Old Closet Door," to the tune of "The Old Rugged Cross." This is a strong and positive summation of the shame and guilt of hiding in the closet and the benefits of coming out.

Another good song is their version of "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear." In this case, it's a call from Mom asking Tim to come home for Christmas, "but please don't bring your friend Tom." Mom says Christmas is a time for family, and Tim tells her Tom is family, and they're both coming.

There are disturbing elements in some of the Choral Majority's other songs, however. The two that bother me most are what seems to be advocacy of violence and a hatred of Christianity that borders on the pathological.

Since the group got its start as part of the activities of San Francisco's CUAV (Community United Against Violence), it's not hard to comprehend their anger and resentment at attacks, both verbal and physical, coming from ignorant and homophobic people. What is not easy to comprehend, and is in fact almost scary, is the violence they return against the homophobes.

In "(Dan) White's Christmas," for example, they "dream" of "him freez-



The Choral Majority

ing deep in snow," suggest "let's crucify him for a show," and conclude with "May all gays be ready to fight, / And transform the darkness to off-White." In context, "off-White" sounds suspiciously like "Off White!" And I hope that if we've learned anything, it is that murdering Dan White will not set right his murder of Harvey Milk and George Moscone.

The second disturbing aspect of the Choral Majority is their irrational hatred of Christianity. Like so many gay people, they have bought the notion that the church is our enemy, that Christianity is a fraud, and that all Christians are homophobic hypocrites. That notion is shortsighted, ignorant, and willfully wrong. Of course, many atrocities have been committed in the name of Christianity, but a blanket condemnation of it because of that is as stupid as a blanket condemnation of homosexuality because same-sex love affronts the tender sensibilities of the "normal" masses.

Frankly, I think that advocating violence and hating Christianity are incompatible with what I understand as being gay. Being gay has to do with loving yourself and others, accepting yourself and others. It has to do with getting rights, not with getting even.

So, to sum up, the Choral Majority is great fun to hear, and many of their songs say important things and say them very effectively. I have some problems with some of their attitudes, and I think some learning and growing and reflecting could make them even better.

"The Choral Majority's Greatest Hits." Cassette, \$6 plus 50 cents postage.

"The Hymnal." Paperback. Complete words and music. \$4 plus 50 cents postage.

Order both items from The Choral Majority, 964 Valencia Street, San Francisco, CA 94110. \*

## BOOKS

### 'Coming Out Right' Is A Perplexing Mix Of Good Advice, Wrong Approach

"Coming Out Right" by Wes Muchmore and William Hanson. Alyson Publications paperback, 204 pages, \$5.95.

Reviewed by Edward E. Hall, Ph.D.

Perplexed! Even after having read *Coming Out Right* and letting it digest for a few days, I remain perplexed and uneasy. The book is an excellent guide to gay male sexual/social life. The authors have a fine sense for detail. At times I felt as though I were reading an anthropological study of the mating rituals of gay men. Although the book has almost a photographic realism, it is not a wide-angle view.

What perplexes and dissatisfies is that, of the multitude of ways of participating in gay life, Muchmore and Hanson chose to focus most closely on the bar. Altogether the bar, the bath, cruising places, and male prostitutes get 35 pages. "New Alternatives" get four pages. "Friends, Roommates, and Lovers" merit 11 pages, most of which are devoted to the pitfalls of being closely involved with someone.

While "coming out" in the sense of knowing about bars and baths is important, the something missing in this book is any in-depth look at the internal process of coming to terms with being gay, or with letting the outside world know about one's gayness. The book does have a useful checklist to be considered before coming out at work, and the first chapter is devoted to coming out to self, friends, family, etc., but it is inadequate. A much better article written by Eli Coleman can be found in "The Journal of Homosexuality."

While in one breath Muchmore and Hanson say "Curing a man of his desire for other men may be as impossible a task as curing blue eyes of their color," in the next they say "if you feel you cannot handle life as a gay man, then talk your feelings over with a therapist; he or



she may be able to offer you some hope for change." There is a fence-sitting dishonesty here. When will it finally seep into our consciousness that our desires are not a sickness and need no cure?

In the introduction I was struck by a sentence that, in retrospect, seems to explain my dissatisfaction: "We are unique among minority groups in that we are raised by persons of an alien and hostile culture." Great rhetoric, but depressing and unhelpful. The focus, tone and content of the book is molded by this view.

I would not say that Hanson and Muchmore detailed explanations of all the nasty, hostile, and alienating things that can happen to gay people are wrong. I would say that they paint the world as Munch saw it rather than as Renoir did. I believe that life is often what you make of it. Personally I like Renoir. \*

## CSUS Will Host Western Lesbian And Gay Student Conference In March

California State University, Sacramento, will be the host for the 1983 Western Regional Lesbian and Gay Students Conference. The conference, scheduled for March 11 through 13, is being presented by the various Sacramento lesbian and gay student organizations.

The theme of the 1983 conference is "Leadership — Our Strength in the 80's." The theme is aimed at addressing the need for many leaders rather than only one leader.

The goal of the conference is to offer a major learning experience, to allow participants to make new contacts, to stimulate creativity and to obtain maximum participation.

Sharon McDonnell, former President of the Lesbian/Gay People's Union at CSUS, and Tim Warford, chair of the Activities Finance Council of the Associated Students Inc., are serving as co-chairs of the conference.

Anyone who is interested in attending the conference, whether a university student, community college student, or simply interested in gaining more knowledge and experience concerning the lesbian and gay community, call Sharon/Heather at 447-4214 or Tim at 454-0106 and receive the registration packet.

Among the events planned for the conference are workshops on Homophobia and Mental Health, AIDS, the

Gay Media, AB1, Gays and Lesbians in Business, and Gay Men's Health Issues.

During the conference, a candlelight rally will be held at the State Capitol to commemorate victims of sexual orientation discrimination.

The conference will conclude with a champagne brunch on Sunday morning.

Watch for more information about fundraising and conference events so that you too can be a part of the conference.

## AIDS Forum

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meet that person in a bar, a legitimate bookstore or in church."

"Sex is good, gay sex is great, but when we talk about sex, talk in specifics, look at the detailed physical process: rimming, fistfucking, rough sex can cause fissures in the anal lining."

Jeff Richards, San Francisco representative of the National Gay Health Education Foundation, cautioned people to avoid inseminating each other and avoid exchanging saliva with each other.

However, Geary and Jones said they have been kissing KS patients on the mouth and haven't caught KS yet.

Pomerantz warned against being self-defeatists. "If you want to die, you will. If you want to stay alive, you can keep fighting for your life." \*





Star Photo by Tim Warford

## Sheriff Waters Takes Office

Robbie Waters was sworn in as sheriff of Sacramento County in the Board of Supervisors chambers on Jan. 3. Waters, who was strongly supported by the gay and lesbian community, took the oath before an overflowing gallery of friends and supporters. Several representatives of the lesbian and gay community attended the ceremonies and reception afterwards as a gesture of good will. Waters defeated former sheriff Duane Lowe by a narrow margin in November's election.

# FINANCES

## Waiting For Uncle Sam

By BRADLEY SCRIMGEOUR

With holiday excitement stashed away for another few months, most of us are turning our attention back to business and future pleasures and responsibilities. April 15 may seem far enough away, but it's a good idea to look ahead to that auspicious occasion and prepare to file your 1982 returns with the Internal Revenue Service.

While you may find this to be an exercise in drudgery, preparation and organization now will circumvent future headaches and will assist both you and your tax consultant in completing your returns effectively and efficiently.

Following is a useful guide for organizing records and related information:

1) If you plan to file a short form, a) check with your tax consultant to determine whether or not this form is to your best advantage, and b) determine whether you are entitled to credits and deductions which need to be itemized. Your tax consultant should have access to information to assist short form filers in obtaining optimum returns on their taxes. Please be the short form filer of last resort.

2) If you are pondering the use of the new 1040EZ form, take care not to jump to conclusions. Although the form is easy to use, it can preclude additional credits which can be used when filing alternate short forms. Check with your tax consultant to assess your own personal needs and the best filing procedure for you.

3) If you own a home or can itemize effectively on a long form, you have organizational tasks before you.

Although this may take a substantial amount of time, you'll find that the better organized you are the better your tax consultation will be, and the more pleasing the results. Remember, your tax consultant will be asking for information which only you can provide. Some of this information will have a common source, and if you have it pre-

sorted, you will find the actual filing of your return to be easy, relaxed, and useful in thinking ahead.

Following these simple procedures:

A) Assemble your tax returns for 1978-81. Look them over and determine if you can use income-averaging and future tax planning.

B) Collect all interest-paid statements from credit cards, bank loans and finance companies.

C) Located receipts and organize them by dates for moving expenses, medical expenses, dividend and interest earnings, stock sales, property taxes and charitable contributions.

D) Determine whether you received any forms of miscellaneous income and separately organize this information.

E) Place any questionable items together, including anything you believe may be of assistance during your tax consultation and hold these items for separate review.

F) Locate and collate all W2 forms.

When you have all the information separated, place your records in individual envelopes and label them accordingly. Although you may not classify all the items correctly, your tax consultant will be able to determine where they belong by discussing with you why you've categorized them this way.

While you're at it, think ahead to 1983 filing and prepare similar envelopes for next year's information. As you obtain receipts and records place them in the appropriate files. Next year you will be all ready to go, and you can pat yourself on the back for planning effectively.

Granted, nobody enjoys filing a tax return, and the process is often frustrating and confusing. However, with a little investment in time and diligent organization, you will find the process to be simple and maybe even pleasant. An organized procedure will give the best results when filing returns and in planning financial objectives.\*

Bradley Scrimgeour is a tax consultant with Mark Whisler and Associates.

## New Attorney General Pledges An Active And Vigorous Administration

By TIM WARFORD

Attorney General John Van de Kamp pledged to take seriously his responsibility of uniformly enforcing state laws in his inaugural address Jan. 3.

"I pledge to the people of California that I will carry out those responsibilities with fairness, intelligence, civility and common sense," he said.

Van de Kamp, who was sworn in by Chief Justice Rose Bird in the Library and Courts Building across from the capitol, was supported by gays and lesbians during the election because of his record as district attorney in Los Angeles.

"Too often, the law and government appear cold and distant, remote from suffering that goes on in the real world ... too far from the suffering which occurs because of discrimination and denial of opportunity," he said.

The new attorney general said that the right to public safety, which he termed "a strengthened liberty," will be his office's fundamental goal.

"Our liberty is hollow if it cannot be enjoyed on the streets of our towns and cities. Widespread crime reflected in the cold statistics of the past decade's soaring crime rates translates into fear among too many of our citizens," he said.

More money should be put into police departments, district attorneys' offices, public defenders' offices, and probation departments as well as jails and prisons, he said.

Noting that the attorney general "possesses separate independent constitutional powers and duties designed to protect the rights of citizens and natural resources" of the state, Van de Kamp announced the formation of a new division of "public rights."

The new division will cover the areas of consumer protection, utility rate regulation, anti-trust enforcement,

environmental, public lands and natural resource protection, monitoring and regulating charitable trusts, and the enforcement of constitutional rights.

"It's hardly a state secret that (Interior) Secretary Watt and others look covetously at California's natural resources."

"They should know that when they propose outrageous things in this state that there is an attorney general here who will use his powers under the



Attorney General John Van de Kamp

government code to stop them," he said.

Andrea Ordin, the former U.S. attorney in Los Angeles, will head the new division.

Van de Kamp said that he plans to be an active and vigorous attorney general.

"You'll be seeing a lot more amicus curiae briefs from us," he said. "In so doing we'll be taking a more aggressive role in the resolution of legal conflicts which carry major policy ramifications."

## EMPAC Schedules 'Flying Doctor' Farce For Young Audiences Through March 12

The energetic and wonderful farce, "The Flying Doctor," comes to life at the Eleanor McClatchy Performing Art Center every Saturday at 2 p.m. through March 12. Adapted from Moliere, this classic style of commedia-del-arte features action-packed acrobatics as well as music and dance.

Director Bob McFarland has assembled an accomplished cast of local talent for this production, including James

Crofoot, Jennifer Woods, Beverly Thorne, Thomas Bach, Ed Prorok and Val John Church. The delightful costumes are the designs of William R. Carroll, and the scenic design is the work of Jenny Guthrie.

"The Flying Doctor" is part of the center's Theatre for Young Audiences.

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## Commission Report

## Violence Is A Fact Of Life In State

"Racial, ethnic and religious violence is a pervasive fact of life in many California communities," according to a lengthy report released Dec. 29 by the Brown administration.

The "Report of the Governor's Task Force on Civil Rights," representing two years of inquiry, concludes that racial, ethnic and religious violence "in some forms, and in some communities, is intensifying."

Moreover, according to the report, the outlook is not good for the immediate future:

"The level of frustration, alienation and distrust in many minority communities in California, especially over perceptions of unequal treatment by public officials, is disturbingly high."

Furthermore, "current economic, political and social trends, including declining economic conditions and harsh cuts in social programs, threaten to increase the chances of further intergroup violence."

The report is the culmination of more than two years of inquiry conducted by the civil rights task force headed by Alice Lytle, Secretary of the State and Consumer Services Agency in the Brown

administration. The task force's 39 members included public officials, community activists, police officers, military officers, clergy and others.

The wide-ranging report covers many topics related to racial, ethnic and religious violence including a history of the problem in California since the early 1800s, problems with law enforcement and public schools, problems with news media treatment of the issue and problems related to Hispanic immigration.

The report ends with more than 40 recommendations designed to prevent and resolve these problems without the use of force. The recommendations cover numerous topics and include such suggestions as new curricula for public schools, special units in the State Attorney General's Office and County District Attorneys' Offices to deal effectively with racial, ethnic and religious violence.

The report also recommends that the Department of Fair Employment and Housing and the Fair Employment and Housing Commission continue the work begun by the Governor's Task Force on Civil Rights in the monitoring and

prevention of racial, ethnic and religious violence. This should include, but not be limited to:

- The creation of an early warning system through which to identify potential racial, ethnic and religious conflicts; and

- The development of standards and guidelines for programs designed to prevent and resolve intergroup disputes, including, but not limited to, ensuring equal access for individuals and effectiveness of local programs.

The task force conducted inquiries, interviews and held a number of hearings across the state to determine the scope of the problem. Lytle said the members of the group hope the state will continue to play a role "in this critical and sensitive matter of racial, ethnic and religious violence. The recommendations in this report point the state in the direction it should go," she said. "We hope they are . . . implemented by public and private organizations. We owe no less to our American ideals." \*

## Guide Tells How To Get Media Exposure

"The Sacramento Media Guide," containing more than 240 pages of information about the various media outlets in and around the Sacramento area, is now available in a new second edition.

"The Sacramento Media Guide" is published by Walsmith Productions. Its purpose is to make all forms of media less intimidating and more accessible to Sacramento residents. It helps businesses discover which media outlets to target with their advertising dollars. It also aids organizations and individuals locate the media outlets that reach specific audiences. The guide is an important tool for anyone who wants to save time and gain media exposure.

Information in "The Sacramento Media Guide" includes:

- Names, addresses, phone numbers, deadlines, and formats for TV and radio stations and daily newspapers.
- Listings for alternative media, with advertising rates for local magazines, weekly's, special audience publications, and newsletters.
- A section on "How to Get Media Coverage."

"The Sacramento Media Guide" costs \$14.95 (plus tax), and is available at Tower Books, Lioness Books, Levinson's, Beer's, and college bookstores.

## Brown Appoints Veteran SF Gay Activist As Judge

San Francisco attorney and gay rights activist Herbert M. Donaldson, 55, was appointed by former Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. to the San Francisco Municipal Court on January 1. He replaced Judge Maxine Mackler Chesney, whom Brown elevated to the San Francisco County Superior Court.

Donaldson is the first openly gay man to become a judge in San Francisco, and only the fourth openly gay judge in the country. All four, including Judge Mary Morgan of San Francisco and two Los Angeles judges, were appointed by Brown. No other governor in the country has appointed gay judges.

In response to the suggestion that Brown appointed gay judges because of commitments to gay leaders who backed his failed run for the presidency in 1980, Donaldson said, "Governor Brown has simply shown that he picks judges on merit and does not discriminate against minorities. I'm afraid the new governor will (discriminate)."

Judge Donaldson served in the U.S. Navy in World War II and the Korean War. He moved to San Francisco after getting his law degree from Stanford University in 1956. After working as an attorney for Southern Pacific, he entered private practice in 1960 and advised the early gay rights groups such as the Daughters of Bilitis and the Mattachine Society.

It was an era when lesbians and gay men were fair game for police raids and entrapment. Donaldson experienced this discrimination first hand on New Year's Day in 1965. He and three other lawyers attending a gay fundraiser were arrested for "obstructing the police" when they asked a raiding party if they had a warrant.

The charges were dismissed, with no negative effects on Donaldson's career, and the raid became a turning point in San Francisco gay politics. Not long afterward, Donaldson was one of the organizers of the Society for Individual Rights, a pioneering gay social and political group.

Now in private practice, Donaldson has also served as a San Francisco deputy public defender and as chief counselor for San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance. Currently he is chairman of the board of trustees of Bethany United Methodist Church and is on the board of directors of Public Advocates, Inc.

Donaldson called his appointment part of a "historical process." He said, "I guess it shows that the legal climate has changed for gay people in this city and this state."

Judge Maxine Mackler Chesney, whom Donaldson replaced on the San Francisco Municipal Court, has served there since 1979. Before then, she was assistant chief deputy of the criminal division of the San Francisco District Attorney's office, where she developed the nation's first special unit for comprehensive handling of sexual assault crimes. \*

## Dan White, Assassin Of Harvey Milk, Is Scheduled To Be Freed Next January

Dan White, former San Francisco Supervisor and confessed killer of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk, will be paroled on January 6, 1984.

White, also a former policeman and fireman, will be released from Soledad state prison after serving four and a half years for voluntary manslaughter.

His trial was notorious for an inept prosecution and the famous "Twinkie defense," which claimed that eating too much junk food had affected his behavior. Several members of the carefully picked jury broke into tears during White's weepy confession.

White was convicted May 21, 1979. Under the determinate sentencing law, his maximum prison term was seven years, eight months. His earliest release date — conditional on good behavior — was four years, six months, and three days.

The immediate consequence of the voluntary manslaughter verdict was the "White Night" riot in San Francisco.

Thousands of outraged citizens, gay and straight, set fire to police cars and broke windows in San Francisco's City Hall. Later, police retaliated with attacks on bars and people on Castro Street.

The light sentence meted out to the killer also played a part in changing the state Penal Code.

Soledad prison spokesman Herb Matthews described White as a "model prisoner, staying out of trouble, causing no problem whatsoever to the institutional staff."

Unless he changes his behavior and forfeits the reductions in his sentence earned for good conduct and work in the prison, "there is no discretion in when Dan White will be released," said Stephen Scherr, White's co-counsel with Doug Schmidt during the 17-day trial.

Joan Cavanaugh, acting executive director of the Board of Prison Terms, said that White will be on parole for a year to 18 months after his release.

Gay community groups in San Francisco have already begun discussing an appropriate response to White's being set free. \*



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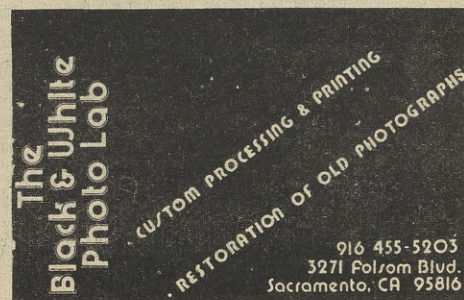
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# ITEMS

## Country Women Wanted

By RICK VAN DYKE

More than \$600 was raised for the Kaposi's Sarcoma Foundation at the Jan. 8 benefit held at the China Wagon restaurant. Host Mike G., resplendent in a brocade smoking jacket and rhinestones, welcomed 110 paying guests. Several others, he said, "just dashed in, threw \$8 at me, and left—and some donated even more than that." The money will be used to help start a Sacramento branch of the foundation, which provides information about the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome to the public and also provides services to AIDS patients and their lovers, families, and friends.

At the benefit, a Chinese buffet, Dr. Ed Hall was heard to remark, "It's ironic, holding a gay benefit here, when anyone present could cook better than this." Well, maybe the spring rolls had lost their spring, but no one expected gourmet delights. Besides, the company was most congenial and the cause was a good one.

Earlier in the day, at the "Implications for Lifestyles" forum organized by Drs. Sandy Pomerantz and Harvey Thompson, someone asked where people could donate to help in the fight against AIDS. Cleve Jones, director of the Kaposi's Sarcoma Foundation, replied that "the best first donation anyone could make is several 20¢ stamps on letters to your legislators, demanding more money for research."

After the forum, the local doctors hosted the guest panelists for lunch at the Rosemount Grill, that quintessentially Sacramento restaurant. One wonders if it will ever be the same.

A women's social group is forming in the south Placer hinterlands—the Roseville-Auburn-Citrus Heights-Carmichael area. They've met twice already and will be meeting again at least monthly for potlucks and other activities. Interested women from the area are invited to call June at 786-5727 or Susan and Lee at 786-9454.

Sacramento Union columnist Peter Anderson recently reported on an unusual form of graffiti in the ladies' room at Harlow's bar on J Street. According to owner John Roberts, the walls get covered with lipstick marks as the result of kisses, supposedly in tribute to the establishment's namesake, Jean Harlow. And they call gay people perverted?

Congratulations to Yum's Eye Dream Ice Cream emporium, recently reopened and expanded. I heard someone say that it was typical of Sacramento that our first gathering place with a back room wasn't a bar or a bookstore but an ice cream parlor. That's true, and isn't it nice?

Someone has been spreading rumors about me, and I don't know whether to be insulted or flattered. In any case, it's not true that I recently was seen doing a striptease on the bar at the Power Plant. It is true, however, that someone far more qualified will be there for that purpose on Thursday, Jan. 27.

We were stopped by some charming people at the door of Raley's at 28th and L Streets the other night. They asked us to sign a petition to save that shopping center (as you know, Sutter Hospitals want to erect a mammoth new edifice there). Gladly did we sign, and we wish them much luck. That supermarket is a community institution—a place to see and be seen, to visit with friends, to check out the baskets, to share a laugh with the clerks.

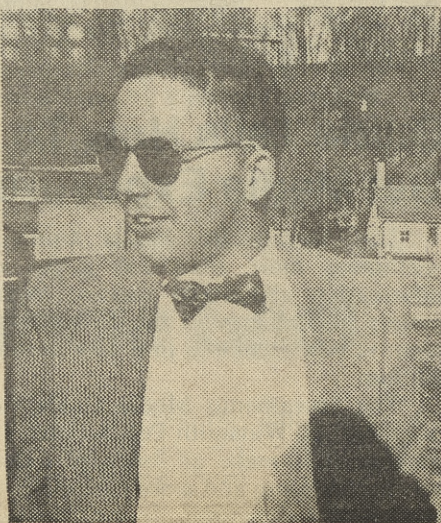
We hear that one of the things our new Governor Deukmejian is proud of, enough so that he mentioned it in his inaugural remarks, is that at last California has a family man in Sacramento again. But as far as that goes, we know a lot of people who considered Jerry Brown family.

That coalition of Bay Area lesbian and gay Jewish groups we reported on here last issue has issued a statement in response to the opposition of the Board of Rabbis of Northern California to the "domestic partners" ordinance in San Francisco. Calling themselves the Jewish Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights, they said, "As lesbian and gay people, we are outraged. As Jewish people, we are ashamed. We hope this incident will ultimately lead to improved communication with the traditional Jewish community—and amongst ourselves. Join us."

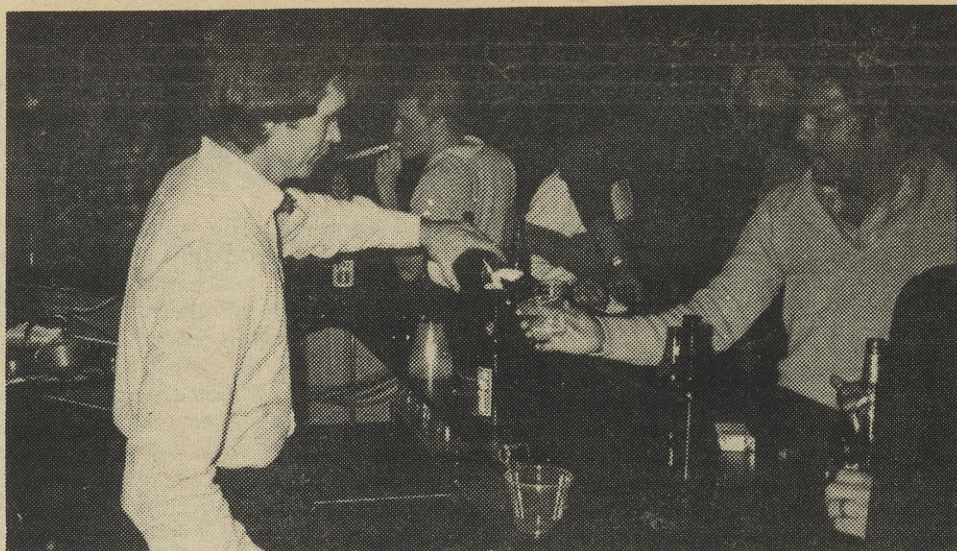
The California Democratic Party will be holding its statewide convention right here in River City this weekend, January 14-16. The Lesbian and Gay Caucus will meet Friday night from 7 to 8:30 at the Convention Center. Among the big names in town will be former Vice-President Walter Mondale, Senator Alan Cranston, Senator John Glenn, and Senator Gary Hart, as well as our very own Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, Senate President Pro Tempore David Roberti, and former Governor Pat Brown.

Also on the perversion front, Steve Klein sent us a clipping from the Marysville Appeal-Democrat. The headline reads, "Man Thought He Was Punching Homosexual." Under a dateline of Bozeman, Montana, it's the story of a man who got a two-year suspended sentence for punching and kicking a woman he thought was a gay man. The man had drunk half a case of beer and saw the woman kissing a man. He thought they both were men, so he hit her with a beer bottle, then kicked her in the face when she tried to get up. The judge was lenient because it was the attacker's first offense, because he enrolled in a costly alcoholism treatment program, and because he paid the woman's medical and wage-loss expenses. After hearing that, can anyone still disbelieve that there's a connection between women's issues and gay issues?

Are you a cross-country skier? Would you like to combine the fun of a 40-50 mile nordic ski trek March 27-31 in the Tahoe National Forest with the chance to support the American Lung Association's air conservation, occupational and school health, smoking cessation, and patient service programs? You can get an application for the second annual Nordic Ski Trek for Life and Breath from the American Lung Association of Sacramento-Immigrant Trails. ★



Rick Van Dyke



Star Photo by Tim Warford

## Happy New Year

Bartender Ken Stark pours free champagne for New Year's revelers at the Power Plant's gala welcome for 1983. The fete was the first occasion on which the bar remained open for after-hours dancing.

## City Councilmen Fisher, Shore Open Campaign To Shut Adult Bookstores

A Sacramento City Council committee will consider an ordinance to ban secluded booths in adult bookstores for viewing sexually explicit films.

The council's Law and Legislation Committee will consider the ordinance on Jan. 20.

The ordinance, proposed by councilmen Blaine Fisher and David Shore, is patterned after a law passed by the County Board of Supervisors last year which outlaws "peep show" booths in an effort to reduce crime in surrounding neighborhoods. Shore and Fisher's north area districts contain several adult bookstores with enclosed movie booths.

"I'd like to get rid of the peep part of it because that's where a lot of homosexual and prostitution activity is coming from," Fisher said.

Shore is concerned with the secluded booths in adult bookstores on Del Paso Boulevard and the downtown areas of his district.

"I'm not only concerned about the

activities, but their proximity to each other and legitimate businesses," Shore said. "If possible, I want to limit the number in an area."

Fisher said the ultimate goal should be to discourage adult bookstores from doing business within city limits.

Sheriff's deputies have raided adult bookstores in the unincorporated areas of Sacramento County following passage of the ordinance by the Board of Supervisors. Several persons have been cited for prostitution and other acts as a result of the raids.

The courts have upheld the county ordinance. The 3rd District Court of Appeal rejected a request by an adult bookstore in November to question then Sheriff Duane Lowe and obtain investigative reports to determine the motivation behind the law.

The City Council's Law and Legislation Committee is composed of Doug Pope (chair), Fisher, Shore and Ann Rudin.★

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- \* Man Two Man social. 7:30 p.m. 391-9755.
- \* Sacramento Men's Collective open rap. La Semilla. 7:30 p.m. Call 985-6996 for information.

## Thursday, January 13

- \* Volleyball for men and women. Women's Gym, Sac City College. 7-9 p.m. Call Paul, 447-1065, for information.

## Friday, January 14

- \* CSUS Lesbian/Gay People's Union potluck. 7:30 p.m. Call 381-8541 for location.
- \* Lesbian Rap. Sponsored by the Womyn's Church. 3700 Y St. 8 p.m. Call 736-0113 or 453-0791.

## Sunday, January 16

- \* River City Metropolitan Community Church. Worship, 11 a.m., followed by social and young peoples' group. 2741 34th Street. Call 454-4762.
- \* AB1 Campaign Committee meeting. 3

p.m. Call Tim, 454-0106 for information and location.

- \* Sacramento Men's Collective men-only potluck. Call 985-6996 for information.
- \* Wimmin's Celebration. Non-sectarian, non-patriarchal, non-sexist spiritual worship. Women only. Potluck afterwards. 6 p.m. Jean, 736-0113, for information.

## Monday, January 17

- \* Our Community United board meeting and election of officers. 1813 K Street. 7:30 p.m. Call 444-9939 for information.

## Tuesday, January 18

- \* Capital City Squares. The Parking Lot. 7 p.m. Call 786-2708 for more information.

## Wednesday, January 19

- \* Deadline for The STAR.
- \* Man Two Man social. Potluck dinner. 7:30 p.m. 391-9755 for info.

## Thursday, January 20

- \* Sacramento Lesbian/Gay Freedom Celebration committee meeting. Call Tim, 454-

0106, for time and place.

- \* Films of Nicaragua. Three short films focusing on the lifestyle and culture of Nicaragua and the people's feelings about the revolution. \$3. La Semilla, 312 20th Street. 8 p.m.

## Saturday, January 22

- \* Concert: Runa Simi play traditional music of Bolivia. \$5. La Semilla, 312 20th Street. 8 p.m.

## Sunday, January 23

- \* River City Metropolitan Community Church. Worship, 11 a.m., followed by social and young peoples' group. 2741 34th Street. Call 454-4762.
- \* Wimmin's Celebration. Non-sectarian, non-patriarchal, non-sexist spiritual worship. Women only. Potluck afterwards. 6 p.m. Jean, 736-0113, for information.
- \* Sacramento Lesbian & Gay Mental Health Professionals. Board meeting 6 p.m. Call 447-2282 for place.

## Monday, January 24

- \* River City Business Association. Board of Directors meeting. Election of officers. Incredible Edible. 6 p.m.

- \* Man Two Man movies at home. Call 391-9755.

## Tuesday, January 25

- \* Capital City Squares. The Parking Lot. 7 p.m. Call 786-2708 for more information.
- \* Sacramento Gay Youth. Call Victor, 391-1362, for information.

## Wednesday, January 26

- \* The STAR is published.
- \* Man Two Man social. 7:30 p.m. 391-9755 for info.
- \* Sacramento Men's Collective open rap. La Semilla. 7:30 p.m. Call 985-6996 for information.

## Friday, January 28

- \* Concert: singer/songwriter Judy Fyell portrays the strength and struggles of women past and present. \$3-\$5 sliding scale. La Semilla, 312 20th Street. 8 p.m.
- \* Lesbian Rap. Sponsored by the Womyn's Church. 3700 Y St. 8 p.m. Call 736-0113 or 453-0791.

## Saturday, January 29

- \* Lovers' Knot workshop for couples. Led by Phil Hoskins and Dan Rudd. Call 444-9939 for information.
- \* Workshop: the music of Malvina Reynolds with Judy Fyell. Bring instruments. Sign up early; limited to 35. \$2-\$3 sliding scale. La Semilla, 312 20th Street. 1 p.m.

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- \* Flashback. 1729 L Street
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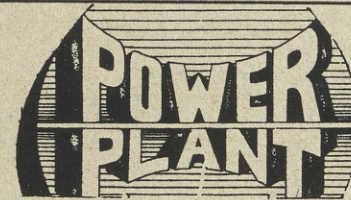
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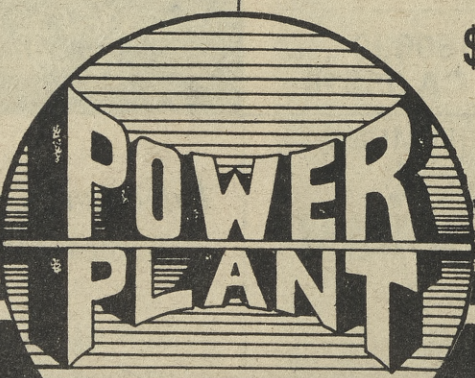
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